

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


A Preliminary Amendment was filed on July 15, 2004, amending the specification, only. A verified English translation of the application, including claims, originally in Japanese was filed concurrently therewith. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed November 8, 2004, indicates that the Preliminary Amendment is considered non-compliant because amendments to the *claims* did not include proper status identifiers.

A telephone call was placed to Legal Instruments Examiner Kim Downing (at 571-272-0521), where she indicated that, although the filed Preliminary Amendment did not amend the claims, the claims presented in the translation of the application were construed as being an amendment to the claims. She further indicated that a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment containing a listing of the claims with the proper status identifiers would bring the Preliminary Amendment into compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Therefore, Applicants submit herewith, a listing of the claims with their proper status identifiers. Applicants note that the claims listed herein are merely a recitation of the claims as filed in the translation of the Japanese application and contain no new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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